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The Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Working in Maine.



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**Job Service
Announces a Special
Recruitment Effort
to Support Maine's
Tourism Industry**

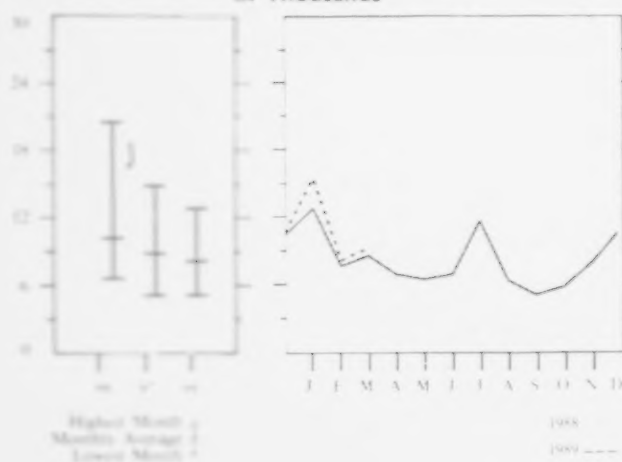
The Maine Job Service and the Office of Tourism in conjunction with the Maine Innkeepers Association and the Maine Restaurant Association are making a special effort to recruit employees for seasonal job openings in the tourist industry.

Senior citizen programs, retirement organizations, high schools, colleges, and vocational technical institutes are being contacted regarding seasonal employment opportunities. Recruiting notices are also being placed throughout the state, as well as Boston and New Hampshire, to attract applicants.

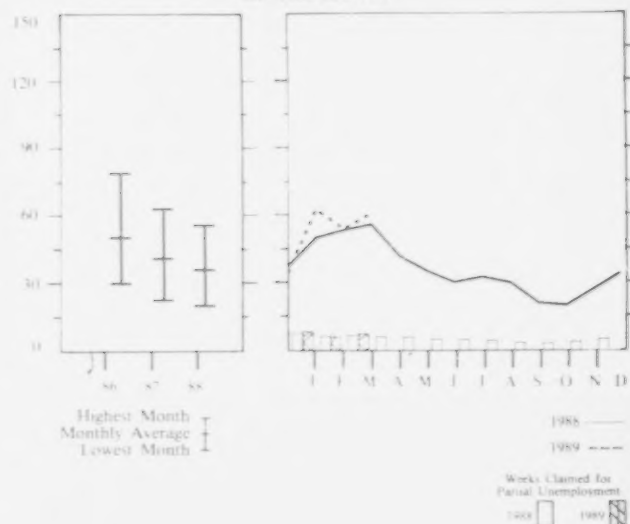
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UI Initial Claims in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



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have open or will have open as the season approaches. In turn, the Job Service will assist in completing a simple job order form which identifies specific job descriptions. This information will be entered into a computerized job bank that will assist in matching qualified applicants with available jobs.



Along with the normal recruitment process, this special effort should help to increase the number of job applicants and ease the severe labor shortages experienced in recent seasons.

For additional information about this special service, please contact Kathleen Piecuch at the Maine Job Service, 20 Union Street, Augusta, Maine 04330-6826 (☎ 289-3431) or the nearest Job Service office in your area.

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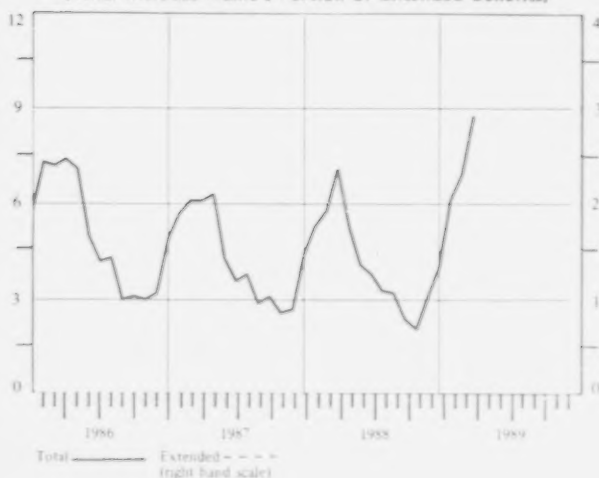
Selected Employment Security Activities



UI Benefit Payments

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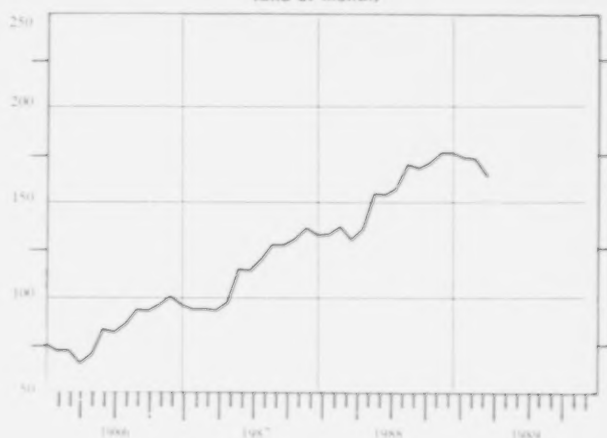
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Unemployment Compensation

Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



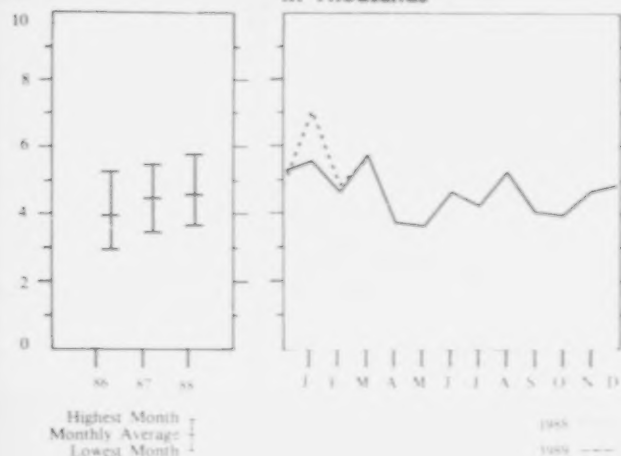
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1	515.7	515.7	503.2	129.2	128.3	123.0	40.5	41.4	40.1
Total Manufacturing	107.5	108.1	106.4	17.5	17.6	16.5	10.0	9.9	10.5
Durable Goods	50.4	51.3	48.9	8.4	8.5	8.2	2.9	2.8	3.0
Lumber and Wood Products	12.8	13.4	13.1	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.7	3.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.4	4.4	4.5	1.8	1.9	2.3	0.6	0.2	0.3
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	10.4	10.6	10.8	3.6	3.6	3.3	0.3	0.7	0.8
Transportation Equipment 2	14.2	14.3	12.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other Durable Goods 3	4.9	4.9	4.7	1.8	1.8	1.2	0.4	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	57.1	56.8	57.5	9.1	9.1	8.3	7.1	7.1	7.5
Food and Kindred Products	6.9	7.0	7.0	1.8	1.8	2.0	0.8	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.4	6.3	6.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	1.1	1.1	1.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	3.1	3.0	3.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	17.7	17.6	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.6	5.7	5.6	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.7	1.8	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	12.4	12.2	12.6	1.3	1.3	1.6	2.1	2.0	2.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.5	10.4	10.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.8	1.9
Other Nondurable Goods 4	1.1	1.1	1.1	3.5	3.5	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	408.2	407.6	396.8	111.7	110.7	106.5	30.5	30.5	29.6
Construction and Mining	30.5	30.5	28.6	8.1	8.1	8.5	2.1	2.1	2.0
Building Construction	10.3	10.6	10.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.8	0.8	0.6
Special Trades Contractor	14.9	14.7	13.5	4.6	4.5	4.7	1.4	1.3	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	21.0	21.0	20.2	5.0	5.0	5.9	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	25.7	25.4	24.4	10.4	10.3	9.8	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	97.0	96.9	96.9	28.1	28.0	25.2	8.1	8.1	7.6
Food Stores	17.6	18.0	17.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	1.4	1.4	1.3
Eating and Drinking Places	26.6	27.8	27.9	7.7	7.5	7.1	2.4	2.4	2.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.5	25.5	24.9	11.7	11.7	12.3	2.3	2.3	2.2
Banking	8.9	8.9	8.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.2	10.2	10.1	5.7	5.7	5.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
Services	112.9	112.9	108.3	31.1	30.8	29.1	10.4	10.4	10.4
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	6.2	5.9	6.0	1.4	1.3	2.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Business Services	14.0	13.7	12.6	4.9	4.9	4.8	1.1	1.0	1.0
Health Services	42.3	42.7	41.4	10.1	10.0	10.2	4.1	4.1	4.3
Federal Government	18.8	18.6	18.4	2.2	2.2	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 5	76.8	76.6	75.1	14.9	14.6	13.8	3.8	3.8	3.7
Involved in Labor Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

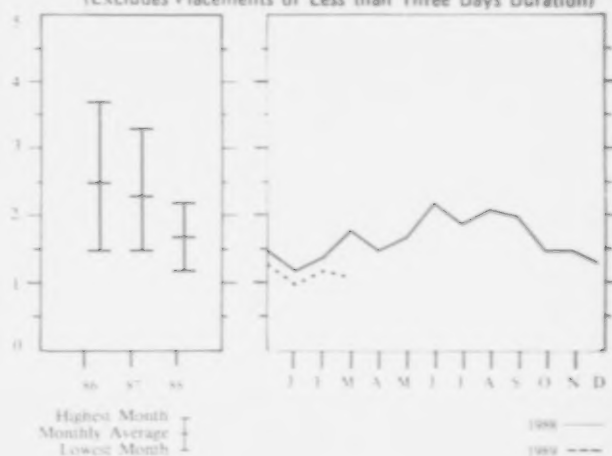
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New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1987	1986
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$385.76	\$389.54	\$375.72	40.1	40.2	41.7	\$9.62	\$9.69	\$9.01	\$9.31	\$8.77	\$8.65
Durable Goods	378.80	382.99	375.41	40.6	40.4	43.5	9.33	9.48	8.63	9.00	8.32	8.52
Lumber and Wood Products	354.97	356.21	331.71	40.2	39.8	40.7	8.83	8.95	8.15	8.60	7.82	7.74
Primary and Fabricated Metals	402.12	391.00	412.67	43.9	43.3	49.6	9.16	9.03	8.32	8.79	8.94	8.58
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	485.43	483.39	446.74	46.1	44.8	49.2	10.53	10.79	9.08	9.49	9.20	9.62
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	325.08	326.34	342.34	38.2	37.0	41.8	8.51	8.82	8.19	8.51	8.03	7.94
Other Durable Goods	396.73	410.76	383.02	40.4	41.2	42.7	9.82	9.97	8.97	9.31	8.60	9.41
Nondurable Goods	393.03	396.59	373.72	39.7	40.1	39.8	9.90	9.89	9.39	9.60	9.18	8.76
Food and Kindred Products	291.98	294.89	262.08	37.1	38.1	36.0	7.87	7.74	7.28	7.30	7.16	7.00
Textile Mill Products	327.89	325.98	305.63	41.4	41.9	39.9	7.92	7.78	7.66	7.66	7.35	7.04
Apparel and Other Textile Products	242.48	243.63	225.89	36.3	36.2	36.2	6.68	6.73	6.24	6.43	5.92	5.73
Paper and Allied Products	617.48	636.23	605.24	43.7	44.9	44.7	14.13	14.17	13.54	13.93	13.43	12.70
Leather and Leather Products	258.17	252.34	237.97	37.8	37.0	37.3	6.83	6.82	6.38	6.59	6.34	6.05
Other Nondurable Goods	326.14	319.59	327.25	36.4	36.4	38.5	8.96	8.78	8.50	8.62	8.28	8.00
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	412.83	412.23	399.93	40.1	39.0	42.5	10.32	10.57	9.41	9.58	9.13	9.17
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	318.80	326.36	320.85	39.8	39.8	41.4	8.01	8.20	7.75	8.08	7.40	7.19

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	277.6	279.2	247.0
Unemployed	12.3	15.5	11.8
(Percent)	4.4%	5.6%	4.8%
Resident Employed	265.3	263.7	235.2

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1982=100 All Items, CPI-U)	122.3	121.6	116.5	120.5
Percent Change for Past Month			+0.6%	
Percent Change from Last December			+1.5%	
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago			+5.0%	

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

ITEM	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			PERCENT UNEMPLOYED		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	290.2	294.3	280.4	263.5	266.8	251.2	26.7	27.5	29.2	9.2	9.5	10.7
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	44,900	45,700	40,300	41,000	44,100	40,200	3,900	1,600	1,100	8.7	3.5	2.7
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,700	42,100	41,700	39,300	39,600	39,400	2,400	2,500	2,300	5.8	5.9	5.6
Portland MSA	128,200	129,700	124,200	123,200	123,400	121,200	5,000	6,300	3,000	3.9	4.9	2.4
Portsmouth-Dover	n/a	131,100	128,800	n/a	127,900	125,000	n/a	3,200	3,800	n/a	2.5	2.9
Rochester MSA 2	n/a	131,100	128,800	n/a	127,900	125,000	n/a	3,200	3,800	n/a	2.5	2.9
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	34,350	34,220	33,900	31,080	31,780	31,130	3,270	2,440	2,770	9.5	7.1	8.2
Bath-Brunswick	28,960	29,080	27,800	28,090	28,140	26,800	870	940	1,000	3.0	3.2	3.6
Belfast	10,840	11,130	11,140	9,910	9,940	9,820	930	1,190	1,320	8.6	10.7	11.7
Biddeford	27,380	27,240	26,550	26,490	26,190	25,440	890	1,050	1,110	3.2	3.8	4.2
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	13,250	13,900	12,800	12,810	12,330	12,070	440	1,570	730	3.3	11.3	5.7
Calais-Eastport	13,590	13,880	13,320	12,370	12,380	12,080	1,220	1,500	1,240	8.9	11.0	9.3
Caribou-Presque Isle	19,910	20,420	20,340	18,720	19,090	18,680	1,190	1,330	1,660	5.9	6.5	8.1
Central Penobscot	3,030	3,100	2,780	2,880	2,920	2,840	150	180	940	5.0	6.1	3.4
Dover-Foxcroft	7,070	7,110	6,980	6,710	6,890	6,620	360	220	360	5.1	3.1	5.2
Ellsworth	21,480	21,660	21,730	20,280	20,710	20,190	1,200	950	540	5.6	4.4	2.5
Farmington	12,830	12,980	12,080	12,280	12,380	12,080	650	600	750	5.1	4.6	6.2
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,950	5,200	5,080	4,850	4,980	4,870	100	220	210	2.0	4.4	4.1
Greenville	1,300	1,430	1,220	1,220	1,380	1,280	80	50	920	6.1	3.6	7.5
Houlton	5,970	6,030	5,860	5,690	5,740	5,540	280	290	320	4.7	4.9	5.5
Kittery-York 2	29,540	29,890	28,870	29,020	29,220	28,810	620	670	1,060	2.1	2.3	3.7
Lincoln-Howland	5,340	5,280	5,230	5,010	5,000	4,900	330	280	330	6.2	5.6	6.4
Livermore Falls	4,060	4,030	4,170	3,910	3,790	3,800	150	240	370	3.7	6.3	8.9
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,170	3,450	3,620	3,130	3,290	3,220	40	160	400	1.3	4.6	11.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,010	4,090	4,080	3,910	3,940	3,880	100	150	200	2.5	3.8	4.9
Norway-Paris	11,850	11,730	11,740	10,980	10,900	10,290	870	830	450	7.3	7.1	4.7
Patten-Island Falls	2,460	2,410	2,410	2,210	2,230	2,120	250	180	340	10.1	8.1	14.2
Rockland	17,540	17,320	17,890	16,840	16,540	16,730	800	780	1,160	4.6	4.5	6.4
Rumford	8,300	8,400	8,370	7,710	7,780	7,800	590	620	570	7.1	7.2	6.8
Sanford	18,140	18,190	18,240	17,320	17,290	17,480	820	900	660	4.5	5.0	3.7
Sebago Lakes Region	11,920	11,840	11,440	11,430	11,380	11,040	490	460	400	4.1	3.9	3.5
Skowhegan	21,290	21,350	21,330	19,910	19,790	19,800	1,380	1,560	1,530	6.5	7.2	7.5
Southwest Penobscot	11,020	11,080	10,880	10,150	10,310	9,880	870	770	900	7.9	7.0	8.2
Waterville	23,830	24,160	23,880	22,920	23,020	22,890	810	1,140	990	3.4	4.7	4.1
OTHER												
NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,757.1	1,713.3	1,728.1	1,603.9	1,655.8	1,678.2	153.2	55.4	50.1	9.3	3.2	2.9
Massachusetts	3,156.0	3,162.0	3,163.2	3,028.0	3,038.0	3,052.0	128.0	22.0	11.0	4.1	0.7	0.3
New Hampshire	n/a	609.5	595.8	n/a	591.1	578.2	n/a	17.4	17.0	n/a	2.8	2.6
Rhode Island	534.3	527.8	517.7	513.4	506.3	498.4	20.9	21.5	19.4	4.0	4.1	3.7
Vermont	308.8	304.0	292.8	295.0	295.3	283.0	13.8	18.7	19.8	4.5	6.1	6.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,809.6	6,809.9	n/a	6,891.2	6,842.4	n/a	216.6	225.6	n/a	3.1	3.4
UNITED STATES	122,223	121,908	119,957	113,844	115,123	112,887	8,379	6,785	7,070	6.9	5.6	5.9

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued Work Claimants*	12,096	12,272	10,813	1,308	1,325	1,090	1,087	1,106	825

* Continued work claimants are first persons that week following the 26th of the month.



Percentage of Youth, 16 to 19, Participating in the Labor Force

	1987	1988
Connecticut	60.3%	60.9%
MAINE	56.5	60.6
Massachusetts	60.8	61.4
New Hampshire	67.8	61.9
Vermont	67.4	67.0
Rhode Island	64.7	61.0
New England	61.5	61.4
United States	54.7	55.3

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

*left, Students at Hall-Dale High School check
the bulletin board for summer job opportunities*

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